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FOLLOWING REPEAT MANILA 1799 ACTION SECSTATE INFO
GENEVA USUN NEW YORK EC BRUSSELS COLOMBO NAIROBI BELGRADE
PARIS 4 FEBRUARY 76.

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L MANILA 1799

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EGEN, UNCTAD RP

SUBJECT: GROUP OF 77 MEETING MANILA; UNCTAD

REF: MANILA 1770, BELGRADE 6702

1. FRENCH OFFICIAL, BERNARD, SENT FROM PARIS TO COVER
GROUP OF 77 MEETING, CONTACTED EMBASSY FOR EXCHANGE OF
VIEWS. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST AND CONCERN TO FRENCH IS
POSSIBILITY THAT LDC'S MAY BE THINKING OF ESTABLISHING
FORMAL LINKAGE BETWEEN GROUP OF 77 AND THE NINETEEN IN
CIEC.

2. BERNARD SUGGESTED THAT OPEC COUNTRIES HAVE
DISPROPORTIONATE WEIGHT IN GROUP OF 19 AND THAT NON-OIL
COUNTRIES ACCORDINGLY ARE APPREHENSIVE THAT GROUP OF 19 MAY
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NOT SATISFACTORILY REPRESENT THEIR INTERESTS. ACCORDINGLY,

THERE IS CONSIDERABLE LDC SUPPORT FOR IDEA OF HAVING
GROUP OF 77 ENUNCIATE POSITIONS AND DIRECTING GROUP OF 19
TO ADHERE TO THESE POSITIONS. PROPOSALS THAT THIS BE
DONE WERE FORMULATED BY JAKARTA MEETING OF ASIAN GROUP.
BERNARD STATES THAT FRENCH ARE APPREHENSIVE THAT SUCH
A LINKING OF TWO GROUPS WOULD LOCK GROUP OF 19 INTO RIGID
POSITIONS IN WHICH THERE WOULD BE LITTLE ROOM FOR OPEN-
ENDED DISCUSSIONS AND FREE FLOW OF DEBATE. HE FEARS
THAT PURPOSE OF CIEC COULD BE NEGATED BY SUCH AN OCCURRENCE.

3. BERNARD ACCORDINGLY SOUGHT READING AS TO U.S. GOVERNMENT
ATTITUDE TOWARDS POSSIBLE LINKAGE BETWEEN TWO GROUPS.
REQUEST WASHINGTON VIEWS ASAP.
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